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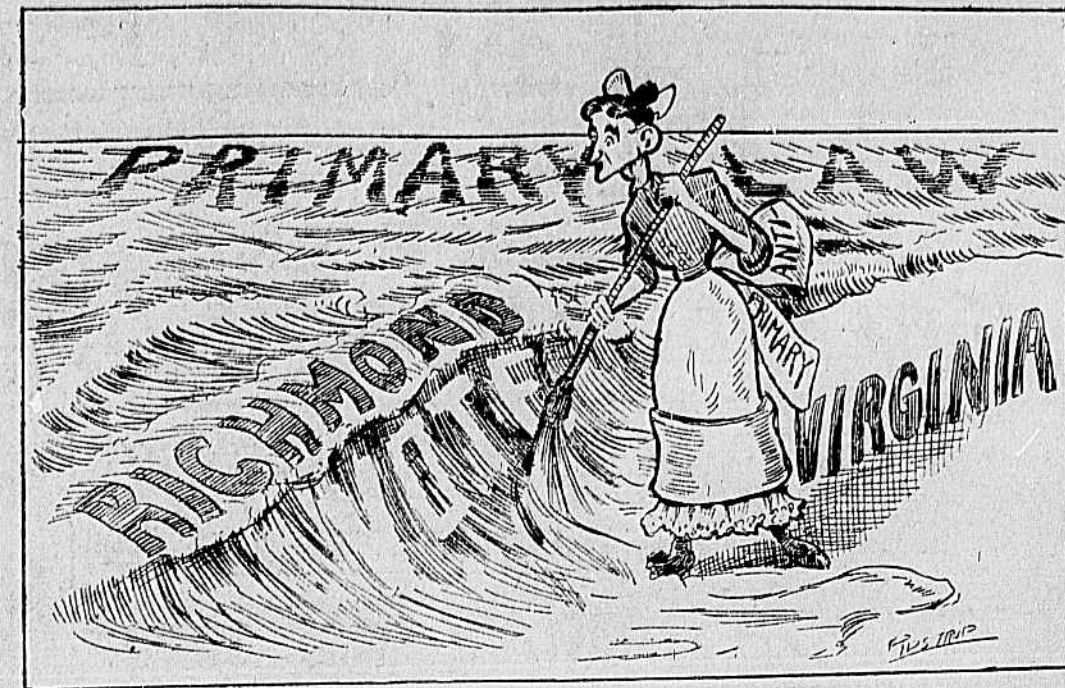
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## THIS IS BARGAIN DAY IN RICHMOND. READ THE MERCHANTS' OFFERS



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### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

**The Weather.**  
WASHINGTON, May 25.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:  
Virginia and North Carolina—Fair Thursday, except showers in the morning; Friday, showers, cooler; light south winds.

**RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.**  
9 A. M. 82  
12 M. 81  
3 P. M. 80  
6 P. M. 82  
9 P. M. 82  
12 M. 78  
Average 81.6

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**  
May 25, 1904.  
Sun rises 4:56  
Sun sets 7:19  
Moon sets 3:11  
HIGH TIDE  
Morning 1:55  
Evening 2:27

### Richmond.

Preparation going on for the Democratic State Convention, to be held at the Virginia Hotel, and permanent chairman included in and contests are forecast. Important meetings of the Health and Light Committee to-night, the latter to consider matter of the disturbance at the West End. Randolph-Stanton alumni have third annual dinner to-night at Westmoreland Club. Dr. J. H. Harrison, principal speaker at the Corporation Commission concludes hearing of case of Seven Pine citizens against the Passenger and Power Company and takes it under advisement. Ivanhoe Lodge of Pythians have enjoyable banquet in celebration of anniversary. Police Board holds called session to investigate charges against Policeman Amos of criticizing a recent action of the board; the officer is warned to be more careful in the future. Justice Crutcher severely punishes a negro who was impudent to a lady on the street. Harry C. Hays, Jr., of the Virginia Hotel, returns in from all precincts give Solomon sixteen delegates and the Water Commissioners, proposition to erect new plant with clear water. Joe Johnson camp in open to-day at Deepwater. Places for holding ward meetings fixed upon. Expenses of candidates in recent primary. Alleged thieves arrested by Officer Watts—Bazaar at Masonic Temple.

### Virginia.

Woodbridge and Forbes, charged with burning their innocence and assert that their arrest was due to enemies—Committee on normal schools. Tidewater Railroad voted right of way through streets of Roanoke. Norfolk woman obtains injunction to prevent her husband from speaking to her. The supervisors of Jacksonville hold two days session over payment of millage bills. Chesapeake railway in Boynton, in which a horse goes over a trestle—Captain Dan M. Lee comes to Providence, Rhode Island, to speak to-day. Gasoline engine explodes in summer home of Mr. Edward O. Meyers at University of Virginia and killed a check, arrested by Officer Watts and taken to Shelby, N. C. Halifax court hold two days session, number of registrars appealed and regular term. Prisoner pleads for mercy and makes temperance speech—Lin Clark to hang in Amherst, Friday, after intermission of thirty years—Chester man injured by falling from a scaffold and boy breaks his arm.

### North Carolina.

Dioecesan Council of East Carolina takes action to further the anti-divorce movement—Rev. Robert Strange, of Richmond, likely to be elected bishop coadjutor to-day. Mr. Gore, injured by falling from a horse, thrown from buggy, and the horse breaks its neck. The hotel at Burlington burned and one guest injured. Mrs. G. G. Meyers, sanctification preacher, who married girl under age, defaulted his bond and did not appear at Winston-Salem for trial—Macon County celebrates closing of one hundred and second session.

### General.

Notwithstanding reports from Imperial government, stating that China is preparing to make an important move against Russia; her forces are being drilled and organized and war materials are being accumulated—Now thought that Kuroki is ready to advance, and important news is expected daily, nothing on Liao Tung peninsula and around Port Arthur is reported—Yazoo City almost wiped out by fire, over two hundred buildings burned—Ohio State Democratic Convention adopts unit rule and conservatives gain control of delegates, which favors retention for Presidential nomination—Alabama Democratic State Convention favors nomination of Judge Parker for President, but adopts the unit rule—Pennsylvania coal miners die from suffocation by gas and sulphur from locomotive—Jury in Tyner-Barrett case renders verdict of not guilty—Southern Presbyterian Assembly discusses change of dates of collections for benevolent funds—Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly still undecided as to union with Church of Christ—Valuable horse flesh in Boston—Man in Tennessee holds sheriff's posse at bay and kills an officer—Railroad conductor murdered while on his train in Alabama.

## TEN MINERS DEAD FROM SUFFOCATION

Gas and Sulphur From a Small Locomotive Proves Fatal to the Workmen.

### OCCURRED IN THE TUNNEL

Extraordinary Accident, One of the Most Peculiar in the History of Mines.

(By Associated Press.)

WILKESBARRE, PA., May 25.—A telegram received at the Susquehanna Coal Company's office in this city this evening states that ten miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive this afternoon in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal Company at Williamstown, Dauphin county.

The accident is one of the most peculiar in the history of anthracite mines, and no reason for it can be assigned by the officials. The victims included Michael Golden, general in-charge of the company, and nine miners and laborers.

The tunnel in which the disaster occurred is one mile in length and is used by the coal company to convey the coal miners to the workings in the Bear Valley to the breaker in the Williams Valley. The men employed in the mines have been working in the tunnel for years to ride to and from their work on the trips of cars that are hauled between the two valleys by small locomotives.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon General Inside Foreman Golden and about fifty miners boarded the loaded trip, which was about to be hauled from Bear Valley to the Williams Valley. Everything went right until about half the journey was made, when some men attracted the attention of the engineer, who at once stopped, and it was found that nearly all the men on the cars had been overcome by gas and sulphur which emanated from the stack of the locomotive and floated back over them. The engineer at once crowded on all steam possible, and the unconscious men were hurried to the Williams Valley end of the tunnel, where help was at once summoned, and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every possible effort to resuscitate them, but aid came too late for Foreman Golden and the other victims. The tunnel has been in constant operation for more than forty years, and this is the first accident of any kind that has happened in it. It is perfectly free from mine gases, and the ventilation is so perfect that the tunnel has formed one of the intakes that furnish air to the mines.

## MONUMENT TO LITTLE FORK RANGERS

Unveiling, Accompanied by Beautiful and Stirring Exercises.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CULPEPER, VA., May 25.—The unveiling of the beautiful monument to the memory of the Little Fork Rangers took place to-day at Oak Shade, Culpeper county, in the presence of a large crowd from Culpeper, Madison and Rappahannock counties.

First in order was a patriotic hymn, then prayer by Rev. William Wood, of Baltimore, Md., and the bugle signal for the unveiling.

Next came the unveiling of the monument by eleven daughters of the company, escorted by a like number of Culpeper Minute Men. The unveiling was followed by a presentation of the monument by Private W. W. Wood; again music by the band, and an address by Colonel Thomas Smith; music by the band.

A recess for one hour was taken, in which time a most sumptuous dinner was served to all. After dinner, Major D. A. Grimley addressed the people.

The programme was a most pleasing one, and well carried out, and the exercises lasted well into the evening.

## MAKING WAY FOR CLANS

Gossip About the Organization of the State Convention.

### THAT PRIMARY FIGHT

Some Contend That Richmond Delegates Are Not Instructed. Local Battle Warm.

The subject of the coming State Convention—how it will organize and what it will do—is the one uppermost in the minds of the politicians just now, and concerning it there is a great deal of gossip around the hotel lobbies and other public haunts.

Colonel Joseph Button, secretary of the State Committee, is here, co-operating with Chairman Ellyson and the local authorities in making final arrangements for the opening of the great meeting, which promises to be one of the most interesting party conventions held here in many years. There are but few avowed candidates, so far as is known, for the position of temporary and permanent chairman. For the former, Judge George E. Caswell, of Radford, is making a fight, while the names of former Senator Marshall McCormick, of Clarke, and Speaker John T. Ryan, of Loudoun, are mentioned for the latter.

Colonel Joseph Button will in all probability be secretary, and Mr. Frank B. Watkins, of Charlotte, sergeant-at-arms. It is believed that the Armory Hall will prove a successful meeting place. It was thoroughly tested in 1892, when the great Hill-Cleveland Convention met there, and which, owing to its famous deadlock, drew immense crowds for several days.

### On the Firing Lines.

The skirmishing will begin at 10 o'clock on the morning of the convention day, when each district will hold separate meetings to elect two delegates and two alternates to St. Louis, five members of the State Central Committee and one elector. None of the district conventions promise to be more spirited than that of the Third. This convention will have no trouble in selecting the two delegates to St. Louis, but when this is done, the harmony limit will be about reached.

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## UNIT RULE IS ADOPTED IN OHIO

The Conservatives Claim Control of Delegates.

## HEARST'S DOOM IS SEALED IN THE STATE

Said That Thirty-six of the Conservatives Are Favorable to Harmon.

### SESSION OF CONVENTION WAS EXCEEDINGLY STORMY

Platform Adopted Is Devoted Principally to National Questions—Chairman Starr Made an Eloquent Speech, in Which He Pleaded for Harmonious Action.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—The Democratic State Convention here to-day nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State, A. P. Sandies, of Ottawa.  
Supreme Court Judge, Philip J. Renner, of Cincinnati.  
Clerk of Supreme Court, Peter Mahaffey, of Cambridge.

Dairy and Food Commissioner, Quintin M. Gravatt, of Wooster.

Member of the Board of Public Works, William H. Ferguson, of Springfield.

Electors at Large, John A. McDowell, of Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, of Wooster.

Delegates at Large, William S. Thomas, of Springfield; John A. McMahon, of Dayton; Edward H. Moore, of Youngstown, and Charles E. Bales, of Cleveland; Alternates, D. L. Rockwell, of Ravenna; John Sheehan, of Cincinnati; Henry C. Gray, of Hamilton; and William E. Decker, of Paulding.

### Three Presidential Elements.

There were three presidential elements involved. The Hearst men originally wanted instructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor three years ago, wanted "endorsement." The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was Attorney-General under Cleveland, wanted neither endorsement nor instructions, but the unit rule. The Harmon men apparently won. The platform was adopted as presented with the exception of a two-cent railway fare plank, which was added at the instigation of Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland. The majority for the unit rule was only 55 out of a total vote of 72.

After the conservatives had defeated the radicals at the preliminary meetings yesterday, they had contentions among themselves to-day, but the Harmon men

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## 27 WANT HELP TO-DAY

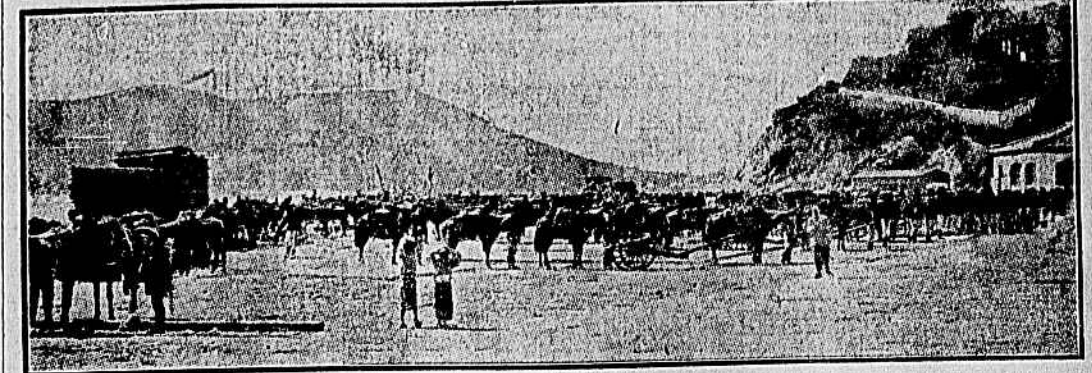
The 27 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10, are as follows:

1 Agent. 1 Salesman.  
20 Domestic. 4 Miscellaneous.  
1 Trade.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

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## CHINESE PREPARING MOVE OF IMPORTANCE



JAPANESE TROOPS LANDING.

## YAZOO CITY IS NOW REDUCED TO ASHES

## SAY THEY ARE NOT GUILTY

Woodbridge and Forbes Both Declare They Had Nothing to do With House Burning.

### ARREST WORK OF ENEMIES

Both So Assert, and Son Says He Was Not in Buckingham at Time of Fire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., May 25.—E. C. Woodbridge and Charlie Forbes, the two white men who are in Prince Edward county jail awaiting trial on the charge of burning the dwelling house of Mr. John S. Forbes, in Buckingham county, on the night of March 3d, were interviewed this evening by your correspondent.

Woodbridge and Forbes are separated, one being in a steel cell upstairs and the other occupying a small cage on the lower floor. Woodbridge talked freely, but prefaced nearly every sentence with the statement that he would not utter a word for publication.

He would only say for the public that he was entirely innocent of the serious charge made against him by his enemies. He said he had, in his county, made many enemies as nearly all men who hold places of public trust do, and yet he had some true friends. He deplored his predicament, and said while he might go free, yet he could never recover from the disgrace of his incarceration in a felon's cell. He referred with emotion to his small children left at home, and to one, a boy, sixteen years old, who he stated, has been arrested and lodged in the jail at Buckingham Courthouse. Woodbridge says he has retained as his counsel, Hon. Hal Flood and Judge J. M. Crute, and he did not know when his trial would come off.

Charlie Forbes, who is charged with being an accomplice of Woodbridge, was seen at his cell on the floor below. He declared that on the night of March 3d, when his father's house was destroyed by fire, he was not in Buckingham county. He was greatly surprised, he said, when arrested, and declared that the first time he saw Woodbridge after returning to Buckingham, was when he reached Prince Edward jail. He declared that he had been arrested and lodged in the jail at Buckingham Courthouse, and that while he was innocent of such a dastardly crime as that of burning his own father's home, yet there had been many an innocent man hanged or sent to the penitentiary for life, and he did not know what was going to become of him.

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Fire Practically Wipes Out the Mississippi Town, Leaving a Few Stores and Dwellings.

### SWEPT TWELVE BLOCKS

Over Two Hundred Houses Burned. One Man Killed and Mayor Holmes Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., May 25.—With every business house of any importance in ashes, together with a large number of private residences, the principal hotel and the passenger depot, Yazoo City, a town of six thousand people, forty-five miles from Jackson, is to-night resting after one of the most exciting days in its history.

The fire started at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and burned until 5 o'clock this afternoon, destroying a total of two hundred houses.

The fire losses will be the heaviest in the history of Mississippi since the war, the fire was three blocks wide and twelve blocks long. The city was putting in a new system of water works, and the old system, which had wooden mains, was wholly inadequate to meet the demand. Pipes burst all over the city, and it was impossible to get the water, even to the first floors of buildings. The fire started in the residence of Mr. Wise, and, though there is some dispute as to how it originated, the general belief is that it had its origin in defective electric wiring. Early in the day the authorities of Jackson were called on to render assistance, and did so by sending a hose cart and one of the large engines, the run of forty-five miles being made in forty minutes. The Jackson firemen worked with might and main, but could do little good.

### Man Killed and Mayor Injured.

A man by the name of Chambliss, a citizen of this place, was killed by falling walls, and Mayor Holmes was very badly hurt, and information from Yazoo to-night is that he is in a precarious condition. He had been in office but three or four weeks. In the afternoon the fire jumped a bayou and reached Latonia, a residence suburb, where it destroyed some of the finest homes. To-night about some of the finest homes. This afternoon Governor Vardaman ordered out the Greenwood Millita Company, directing them to go to Yazoo City to protect property, he and Adjutant-General Fridge, following on the next train, and are there to-night doing what they can to relieve the situation. The only communication with Yazoo City to-night is by means of long distance telephone, which District Manager Naff has rigged up on a fence.

Justice adjusters will leave here in the morning for the stricken city.

Among the buildings which were not

Looks as if They Will Attack Russia.

## WAR MATERIAL BEING ACCUMULATED

Notwithstanding Reports That Peace Is Their Aim, Imperial Government Is Organizing.

## JAPANESE ARE NOW READY TO MAKE ADVANCE

Believed That Kuroki Will Move His Army and That Important News Will Shortly Come From Front—Fighting Reported on Liao Tung Peninsula.

By PAUL LAMBETH.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch. Copyright, 1904.)

LONDON, May 25.—The Chinese situation is assuming importance again in connection with the war in the Far East. News reaching here from Peking and other points in northern China is distinctly disquieting. That China is preparing for some move, seems evident, despite the high official assurances that peace is the only aim of the Imperial government.

Whether a move is contemplated against the Russians or whether there is to be a recrudescence on the anti-foreign movement of 1900, is in doubt. The preponderance of opinion here is that Russia is to be the objective of the Chinese offensive if it is taken. The facts are that great stores of war material are being accumulated by the Imperial government; that men are being organized and drilled as soldiers in all parts of the Empire; and that the forces under General Ma along the Manchurian border are being constantly reinforced.

The talk about the crushing Japanese defeats seems to have died out, and the reports are generally believed here, so far as rumor is concerned, appears to have swung Japanward now and the Mikado's troops are reported to have again assumed the offensive. Report has it that the Russians were beaten at Yinkow and have again abandoned Newchwang. One story says the Russian garrison, which recently returned to Newchwang has been sent off.

There is reason to believe that the part of the Japanese army, under General Kuroki, is about ready to advance. While all the fighting reported to-day has been between scouting parties, the news indicates a more serious move on the part of the Japanese all along the line.

About the same character of news is coming through as marked the time immediately before the crossing of the Yalu, and this is the basis for the belief that there will be important news from the front before long.

## FORTY THOUSAND MOBILIZED

Japs Have Large Army at Feng Wang Cheng and Four Regiments at Pian Min.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 25.—Emperor Nicholas to-day received the following telegram from General Kuropatkin dated May 24th:

"There has been no change in the general situation in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng or the Gulf of Liao Tung with regard to the position of the enemy. It is established that the Japanese troops have been concentrated at Feng Wang Cheng, and that there are four line regiments and fifty guns at Pian Min."

"The advance of small detachments of Japanese towards Su-Yen has been observed. It was carried out very slowly, and with great precaution."  
"A force of 3,000, including infantry of the line and guards and three squadrons of cavalry, advanced May 24th along the Su-Yen road between Sotzhogoh and Siltzupka, on the left bank of the Talyk River. At the same time there was a simultaneous advance of the enemy from Feng Wang Cheng and Pian Min towards the lower course of the Talyk River on the way to Lung-Wang-Min."

"The advance guards of these columns crossed to the right bank on May 22d, and one column of three companies and one squadron occupied the Liao-Tai one Su-Yen miles south of Su-Yen on the Taku Shan road and the neighboring villages of Onalassi and Kwankafu."

"On May 24th an intermediate detach-

## WAS KNOCKED FROM CABOOSE

C. E. Sheppardson, Brakeman, Seriously Hurt This Morning.

C. E. Sheppardson, a brakeman of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, was knocked from a caboose in the yards of the company about 1:45 o'clock this morning and was badly, perhaps fatally, injured. Both thighs were fractured and the lower third of his left leg mashed. The injured man was taken in the ambulance to the Retreat for the Sick. His condition at 8:30 A. M. was very serious, and he was not expected to survive the shock. No operation was possible at that time.

## G. A. R.'S WANT MONUMENT TO LEE IN WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press.)

FRANKFORT, KY., May 25.—The Kentucky Department, Grand Army of the Republic, has adopted a resolution to-morrow to call upon Congress to erect at Washington a monument to the memory of General R. E. Lee.

## MOTHER AND CHILD IN WATERY GRAVES

Horse Backs Buggy Into Lake and Mrs. Whedbee and Little Boy Are Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., May 25.—Mrs. Joshua S. Whedbee and three-year-old son to-day were drowned at Merchant's Mill, N. C. These two, with Mrs. Diana Whedbee, aged seventy years, mother of the drowned lady's husband, were driving across the mill dam, when the horse became frightened and backed into the lake, where the water was deep. When help came, Mrs. Joshua Whedbee had sunk, but her mother-in-law was floating, though unconscious. The aged lady was the only one whom the doctors could survive. The horse also perished.

## PROPRIETRESS OF HOTEL IS BURNED TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

GREENWOOD, S. C., May 25.—Fire which started in the Central Hotel caused the death of Mrs. Anne Mosely, the proprietress of the hotel. She feared to jump and was burned to death. Eighteen stores and the First National Bank were burned. The loss is \$135,000; insurance, \$75,000.

## TYNER AND BARRETT ARE NOT GUILTY

This Is the Verdict Returned Yesterday by Jury After Only a Few Minutes' Wait.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Within twenty-two minutes after retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charges of conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers for the Postoffice Department, a verdict of not guilty was returned. The throng which filled the court room throughout the arguments of the jury hardly had time to leave the building before the jury was back and the foreman announced that a verdict had been reached.

Mr. Tyner, expecting a much longer wait, had been wheeled from the room, and his nephew and co-defendant hustled to give an order which caused him to return.

Mr. Tyner appeared greatly excited as he attempted to face the jury, and when the verdict was returned he broke down completely. Several of the jurors went with him, and all of them shook hands with him.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 24, and has been before the court sixteen full days.